

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3602

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Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20500

President Biden,

I write with great concern regarding your continued use of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) to attempt to lower gas prices and your use of the Defense Production Act to increase electric vehicle battery production. Oil and gas prices have been on the rise since you were elected and policies such as halting the Keystone XL pipeline, ending oil and gas leasing on federal lands, and the increase of regulations and taxes on producers have all lent their hand to this crisis that many Americans are facing. These actions will do little to help Americans, especially those in rural communities, like us Oklahomans

You recently announced that your administration would be releasing roughly one million barrels from the SPR per day, up to 180 million barrels, 25 percent of the peak capacity of the SPR. You tout these withdrawals as historic accomplishments, but in reality, they show how your policies are historic failures. By pulling from the SPR, your administration is saying the quiet part out loud: oil and gas are integral to meeting Americans' energy needs.

Further, your administration announced you will use the Defense Production Act to increase electric vehicle battery production. I believe in an 'all of the above' energy strategy, but this is a false flag that will do nothing to impact the inflated gas prices that are burning a hole in Americans' pockets while costing the taxpayers over \$750 million.

This plan is especially insulting to rural Oklahomans, who will not benefit at all from this program. The average price of an electric vehicle is roughly \$56,000, about \$10,000 higher than the overall industry average and more than \$10,000 above the average annual income in our communities. All of these problems don't even take into account the lack of ability of the electrical grid to take on the increased use of electric vehicles or the lack of charging stations across the country.

Instead of using the Defense Production Act to shore up your socialist agenda, your administration needs to get out of the way and remove all of the burdensome regulations you have placed on this industry. Remove us from the Paris Climate Agreement, allow more oil and

gas leasing on federal lands, get the Keystone XL pipeline back in construction, and restore American energy independence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Markwayne Mullin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Markwayne" and last name "Mullin" clearly distinguishable.

Markwayne Mullin
Member of Congress